

AMENDMENTS TO LB 988

Introduced by Education.

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 3. Section 79-233, Revised Statutes Cumulative
3 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

4 79-233 For purposes of sections 79-232 to 79-246:

5 (1) Enrollment option program means the program
6 established in section 79-234;

7 (2) Option school district means the public school
8 district that a an option student chooses to attend instead of
9 his or her resident school district; ~~except when a student chooses~~
10 ~~to attend another school district in a learning community in which~~
11 ~~the student resides pursuant to section 79-2110;~~

12 (3) Option student means a student that has chosen to
13 attend an option school district, including a student who resides
14 in a learning community and who has chosen to attend an option
15 school district in such learning community prior to the effective
16 date of the establishment of such learning community, but not
17 including a student who resides in a learning community and who
18 enrolls pursuant to section 79-2110 in another school district in
19 such learning community;

20 (4) Resident school district means the public school
21 district in which a student resides; and

22 (5) Siblings means all children residing in the same
23 household on a permanent basis who have the same mother or father

1 or who are stepbrother or stepsister to each other.

2 Sec. 4. Beginning with school year 2013-14, students
3 in kindergarten through grade three in the public schools shall
4 spend at least fifty percent of their school day in one or more
5 classrooms with twenty or fewer students. Up to ten days each
6 school year may be designated for any student or group of students
7 as special activity days to which the requirements of this section
8 do not apply. School districts may also apply to the State Board of
9 Education for a hardship waiver to waive the requirements of this
10 section for a specified period of time due to circumstances that
11 would cause the school district a substantial hardship to meet the
12 requirements of this section for such period of time.

13 Sec. 39. Section 79-1022.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of
14 Nebraska, is amended to read:

15 79-1022.02 Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
16 the certification of state aid pursuant to section 79-1022 to
17 be paid to school districts during school year ~~2003-04,~~ 2008-09,
18 the certification of applicable allowable growth rates pursuant to
19 section 79-1026 for school fiscal year ~~2003-04,~~ 2008-09, and the
20 certifications of Class I school district allowable general fund
21 budgets of expenditures pursuant to section 79-1083.03 for school
22 fiscal year ~~2003-04~~ 2008-09 are null and void. State aid to be paid
23 during such school year and the certifications pursuant to ~~section~~
24 sections 79-1022 and 79-1026 shall be recertified on or before ~~June~~
25 ~~15,~~ ~~2003,~~ April 30, 2008, using data sources as they existed on
26 February 1, ~~2003-~~ 2008.

27 Sec. 44. Section 79-1031.01, Revised Statutes Supplement,

1 2007, is amended to read:

2 79-1031.01 The Appropriations Committee of the
3 Legislature shall annually include the amount necessary to fund the
4 state aid that will be certified to school districts on or before
5 ~~February 15, 2007,~~ April 30, 2008, and on or before February 1 for
6 each ~~ensuing~~ school year thereafter in its recommendations to the
7 Legislature to carry out the requirements of the Tax Equity and
8 Educational Opportunities Support Act.

9 Sec. 48. Section 79-1229, Reissue Revised Statutes of
10 Nebraska, is amended to read:

11 79-1229 (1) On or before January 31 of each year, the
12 administrator of each educational service unit shall submit to
13 the Commissioner of Education a report described as the annual
14 financial report showing (a) the amount of money received from all
15 sources during the year and the amount of money expended by the
16 educational service unit during the year, (b) other information
17 as necessary to fulfill the requirements of sections 79-1241
18 and 79-1243, and (c) such other information as the commissioner
19 directs.

20 (2) The board of each educational service unit shall
21 cause a complete and comprehensive annual audit to be made of the
22 books, accounts, records, and affairs of the educational service
23 unit. The audits shall be conducted annually, except that the
24 Auditor of Public Accounts may determine an audit of less frequency
25 to be appropriate but not less than once in any three-year period.
26 The board of each educational service unit may contract with the
27 Auditor of Public Accounts or select a licensed public accountant

1 or certified public accountant or firm of such accountants to
2 conduct the audit and shall be responsible for the cost of the
3 audit pursuant to the contract. Such audit shall be conducted in
4 the same manner as audits of county officers. The original copy of
5 the audit shall be filed in the office of the Auditor of Public
6 Accounts.

7 Sec. 52. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
8 when passed and approved according to law.